THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

E-Governance projects

4524. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bhoomi e-Governance Project of Karnataka computerizing twenty million rural land records received "Stockholm Challenge Award";

(b) if so, the details of other Indian e-governance projects selected for the above award; and

(c) whether Government propose to implement the above project in other States also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir,

(b) As per the information available on Stockholm Challenge Website (www. stockholmchallenge.se) the following three projects from India were awarded the Stockholm Challenge Award;

Project Gyandoot under the category of Public Services Democracy in the year 2000 under Information Village Research Project and TARAhaat under the Category of A Global Village in the year 2001.

(c) Department of Information Technology has promoted replication of the Bhoomi pattern in other States on a pilot basis.

Availability of BSNL pre-paid sim cards in Andhra Pradesh

4525. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister
of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: